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From: Tingley, Kevin
Sent: Thur 9/24/2015 12:15:18 PM
Subject: Re: GKM - Utility notification process

Michael,

I have passed this along, thank you for pulling it together so quickly.

I am 90% sure this is going to be enough for our purposes. Please don't spend time digging further unless you hear from me to the contrary.

Thanks again, you guys are great.

-Kevin

From: Copeland, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 4:44 PM
To: Tingley, Kevin
Cc: Chavez, Luke; Kahn, Lisa; Bahrman, Sarah; Wall, Dan; Way, Steven
Subject: RE: GKM - Utility notification process

Hi Kevin:

I got quick replies from Sarah Bahrman (Drinking Water R8) and Luke Chavez (ER R8). Let me know if this will meet your needs, or if you need more information. It may take us a while longer to gather more specific timeframes, but I think what is below should be enough to get a good idea of what occurred. Thanks!

-Michael

Sarah's response for R8 Drinking Water:

"Hi all – for the downstream drinking water utilities, I contacted CDPHE drinking water staff, Region 6 drinking water staff, and UT drinking water staff myself to let them know of the spill and ask that they contact users. For tribal facilities, we have good data on intake locations so I was able to quickly verify that no Region 8 tribal facilities were impacted.

I believe these efforts were duplicative of notices handled through ER folks, and I'll let them speak to that.

I talked to CDPHE staff the day of the spill (within a few hours of the spill), and Region 6 and UT staff on Friday morning of that same week."

Luke's response for ER R8:

"The notification for Gold King Mine spill followed our SOP's in notifying the National Response Center (NRC). The NRC has an established call down list and they in turn notified other pertinent federal and state agencies including CDPHE who, according to the procedures, then notified the local utilities. I understand that Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (DRMS) also notified CDPHE as well.

I believe Steve Way is back at the mine so he might not be able to respond. You can check with the phone duty officer on how that specifically works if you need it. I believe Martin McComb is on phones this week.

There is a procedure that has been established for notification and was used for this release as well as any other. HQ OEM (Eugene Lee – 202.564.7988) also is familiar with the notification protocols through the NRC.

There's been a lot of speculation on the timing and judgement of that timing. Between the NRC, CDPHE, Sarah and the utilities groups it all occurred in time to prevent any water/wastewater issues from the release."

From: Tingley, Kevin
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 7:19 AM
To: Copeland, Michael
Subject: GKM - Utility notification process

Hi Michael,

Thanks for joining the WSD Regional call last week to talk about the Gold King Mine response.

My Division Director David Travers is meeting with OMB next week, and they've asked him for some info on the process by which downstream utilities were notified following the GKM release.

Can you help me out? Do you know how the utilities were identified, who made the notifications, and what was the timeline for notifications?

I tried to find the info in the SitReps, but it is pretty general.

Anything you can provide by this Friday 9/25 would be very helpful.

Thanks!

-Kevin Tingley

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